

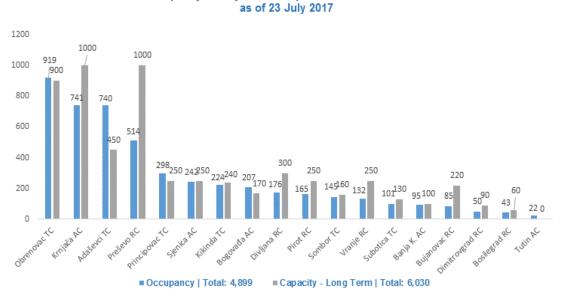
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# HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 23 July, 5,203 new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia.
- 4,899, i.e. 94%, were accommodated in 18 governmental centres, which provide some 6,000 hard-shelter
  places (below chart refers). Some centres, especially the Transit Centres (TC) of Adasevci and Principovac
  remained overcrowded, as they still used temporary emergency shelter such as rub halls and tents to
  accommodate refugees and migrants, including families and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC).
- The end June update of the joint <u>assessment</u> of conditions in all shelter sites in Serbia against applicable UN, EU and national reception standards was posted online.
- UNHCR is grateful to the Government of Sweden for having accepted an unaccompanied and separated
  refugee child from Afghanistan for resettlement, who departed from Serbia this week. Orderly legal pathways
  for refugees to access effective protection remain of utmost importance.
- UNHCR and partners collected reports of 157 collective expulsions from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures there, while 59 were recorded regarding Hungary.

Occupancy of Asylum, Reception and Transit Centres

01-23 July, 206 refugees registered intention to seek asylum in Serbia.



SOUTH

**731** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (514), Vranie (132) and Bujanovac (85), including 62 UASC.

Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (39%), Iraq (31%) and Pakistan (19%) and 45% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (38%), Syria (28 %) and Afghanistan (26%) while 56% are children. Vranje RC accommodates families and UASCs. All its residents are from Afghanistan, and some 55% are children.



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Lunch time in the center, TC Obrenovac (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 18 July 2017

# **BELGRADE**

It is estimated that some 160 refugees/migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 741 asylum-seekers (including 171 UASC), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

919 male refugees/migrants (including 243 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or other countries. The Centre for Social Work, supported by UNHCR and partners, continued with systematic best interest assessments for all the UASC in Obrenovac.

### **EAST**

434 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 165 in Pirot, 176 in Divljana, 50 in Dimitrovgrad and 43 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

### **WEST**

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **1,038** refugees and migrants: 740 in Adasevci and 298 in Principovac. They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Iraq, Pakistan, and Syria. More than half are children, including app. 130 UASC.

# **NORTH**

This week, 48 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary.

On 23 July, four asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 101 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 145, and Kikinda TC 224, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, as well as some 30 UASC.

On 21 July, authorities transported to RC Presevo 52 men and boys (of which 34 from Pakistan), who had been sleeping rough in the vicinity of TC Sombor.



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